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SUBJ: ARRESTS IN FIREBOMBING OF CHRISTIAN INSTITUTIONS

REF: JERUSALEM 241

1. JERUSALEM POLICE ON FEB 13 ARRESTED 16 SUSPECTS (OF WHICH 2 RELEASED) FOR QUESTIONING ABOUT THE FEB 11 FIREBOMBING OF THREE CHRISTIAN INSTITUTIONS. ONE WHO WAS ARRESTED WHEN HE SOUGHT TREATMENT FOR BURNS AT HOSPITAL PROVIDED LEAD TO OTHERS. NONE FORMALLY CHARGED SO FAR. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER SUSPECTS CONNECTED WITH JDL, BUT LEAGUE HAS ISSUED TWO STATEMENTS CONGRATULATING ACOMONISTS RESPONSIBLE FOR ATTACK AND CRITICISING MAYOR TEDDY KOLLEK FOR OFFERING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO REPAIR DAMAGE.

2. KOLLEK TELLS US BAPTIST HOUSE LARGELY COVERED BY INSURANCE BUT CITY HELPING COVER LOSSES AT LUTHERAN INSTITUTION IN AMOUNT OF ABOUT IL 11,000. HE HAD NO EXPLANATION FOR TIMING OF INCIDENT EXCEPT RECENT INDIGNATION AROUSED BY A PARTICULAR (NON-CHRISTIAN) UNCLASSIFIED UNCLASSIFIED

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MISSIONARY EFFORT IN CITY. HE HAS PUBLICLY DECRIED ACTION AND EMTHASIZED LONGSTANDING FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN CITY AND

INSTITUTIONS ATTACKED, ESPECIALLY BAPTISTS, AND FACT THEY NOT
BASICALLY MISSIONARY IN CHARACTER. (HE ADMITS MISSIONARY
ACTIVITIES NOT DESIRED AND TEND TO CAUSE TROUBLE.)

3. COMMENT: KOLLEK IS ENDEAVORING THROUGH PUBLICITY TO PLACE
INCIDENT IN PERSPECTIVE, POINTING OUT ATTACKERS NOT
REPRESENTATIVE OF CITY'S JEWISH POPULATION. WE NOTE FROM
COVERAGE GIVEN INCIDENT BY AMMAN TV THAT HIS CONCERN OVER
POSSIBLE EXPLOITATION OF EVENT TO DETRIMENT OF ISRAELIS
JUSTIFIED. RECENT PROGRAM PORTRAYED INCIDENT AS EVIDENCE OF
ISRAELI FAILURE TO PROTECT CHRISTIAN AND MOSLEM HOLY PLACES
PROPERLY, AND HARKED BACK TO AL-AQSA MOSQUE ARSON AS FURTHER
PROOF OF THIS.

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